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SUBJECT: GOG SEEKS RE-ENTRY INTO COUNCIL OF EUROPE

1. GOG SEPTEMBER 14 ANNOUNCED DECISION TO REJOIN COUNCIL OF EUROPE FROM WHICH IT WITHDREW IN DECEMBER, 1969. DECISION IS REFLECTED IN RECENT LETTER OF MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS MAVROS TO SECRETARY GENERAL OF COUNCIL WHICH STATES GREECE'S DESIRE TO "REGAIN ITS POSITION IN COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND BECOME ONCE AGAIN A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER TO CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS." MAVROS ALSO STRESSED THAT GOG'S CURRENT BASIC MISSION IS RESTORATION CIVIL LIBERTIES TO GREEK PEOPLE AND OF DEMOCRACY. IN REFERENCE TO GREECE'S 1969 DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM COUNCIL, MAVROS DECLARED AS "NON-VALID AND BASELESS" THE VERBAL DECLARATIONS BY WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER OF "THAT DICTATORIAL GOVERNMENT" (PIPINELIS) DENOUNCED COUNCIL'S CHARTER AND CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. MAVROS CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING TO COUNCIL THE GRATITUDE OF GREEK PEOPLE FOR EFFORTS OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIRECTED TOWARD RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY IN GREECE. (ATHENS NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN STATES THAT MAVROS WILL VISIT STRASBOURG ON SEPT 27 TO ADDRESS COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S PARLIAMENT

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2. COMMENT: ON A RELATED FRONT, SEVERAL GREEK NEWSPAPERS OVER PAST WEEKEND REPORTED THAT PM CARAMANLIS HAD SENT MESSAGE TO NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY CONCERNING PRELIMINARY MEETING TO BE HELD IN LONDON DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER. IN LETTER PM EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GREEK DEPUTIES WOULD ATTEND THIS SESSION. THIS REPORT ADDED FURTHER FUEL TO SPECULATION THAT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS MAY BE HELD IN GREECE WITHIN NEXT SIX WEEKS.
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